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Identical letters dated 23 January 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to inform you of the preliminary details of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Humanitarian Relief Plan for Yemen for the year 2018, announced at the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the "Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen" on 22 January 2018 and devised with the aim of meeting all the humanitarian needs of all Yemeni citizens and of easing access to commercial shipments and oil products in all parts of the country, including Sana'a and Hodeida. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia formulated this comprehensive humanitarian plan with a view to addressing the security threats posed by the Houthi militias — in particular by the ballistic missiles, arms and ammunition smuggled into the Houthi-controlled port of Hodeida by Iran — to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, regional States and to international maritime transport and commercial waterways. The plan represents a continuation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's support to the brotherly Yemeni people — which has surpassed $8 billion dollars since the conflict began in 2015 — and its main aims include:

(a) Delivering and installing the four mobile cranes for the delivery of foodstuffs by the World Food Programme in Hodeida port;

(b) Contributing $1.5 billion dollars to the 2018 United Nations Humanitarian Response Plan for Yemen;

(c) Depositing $2 billion dollars in the Central Bank of Yemen;

(d) Providing oil derivatives as donations from member States of the "Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen";

(e) Reducing transport costs by spending $20 to $30 million dollars on updating the transportation infrastructure;

(f) Increasing the capacity of Yemeni ports to receive 500,000 metric tons per month in imports of oil derivatives, doubling the peak amount of oil derivatives shipped in 2017, including by spending $30 to $40 million dollars to increase the capabilities of the Aden, Mukalla and Mokha ports through the installation of four additional cranes (2 in Mokha, 1 in Aden and 1 in Mukalla) as well as other logistical projects in these ports to increase power generation and storage capacities;

(g) Utilizing the port of Jazan with a capacity of up to 73,000 metric tons per month, to receive commercial supplies and humanitarian goods owing to its close proximity to population centres in northern Yemen.

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The "Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen" will establish an air-bridge between the member States of the "Coalition" to Ma'rib, with the capacity to deliver up to 6,000 metric tons of critical humanitarian and medical supplies per month in times of emergency.

The "Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen" will also establish 17 safe passage corridors from six hubs to facilitate the delivery and the distribution of aid throughout Yemen, as follows:

(i) Al Khadra corridor, to transport aid from Saudi Arabia to Sa'da, Al Hazm and Sana'a;

(ii) Al-Tuwal corridor, to transport aid to Hajjah, Omranand Sana'a;

(iii) Hodeida port, to transport aid to Hajjah, Omran and Sana'a;

(iv) Mokha port, to transport aid to Taiz and Hodeida;

(v) Aden port, to transport aid to Taiz, Ib, Dhamar and Sana'a;

(vi) Aden airport, to transport aid to Sana'a and Sa'da.

Should the Houthis refuse to accept the United Nations proposal regarding Hodeida, Hodeida will remain open for humanitarian and medical supplies as well as commercial food shipments. Fuel and other commercial shipments will be diverted to Aden, Mukallah, Mokha and Jazan to be delivered to Hodeida and the other regions through the aforementioned safe passage corridors.

The port of Saleef will be open for humanitarian and medical supplies as well as commercial food shipments.

Sana'a airport will remain open for humanitarian flights.

The Kingdom of Saudi looks forward to deepening its cooperation and collaboration with the United Nations to benefit the Yemeni people, who, through no fault of their own, have been made to bear the brunt of the destructive and divisive policies pursued by Iran and its proxies, and who are entirely reliant on the joint efforts of the region's countries and the United Nations to achieve the bright future that they deserve.

It would be appreciated if the present letter could be circulated to all members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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